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Metzger Bros.
Pullman, Neb.
Cherry Co.
Branded on left side
E
Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks
Horses have same brand on left thigh
A Reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand

EDWARD BAD HAIL.
Postoffice address
Allen S D
On left shoulder and
bar on side; horses
same on thigh
Range-Bear Creek

T J ASHBURN
Postoffice address
Valentine, Neb
Branded on right
side; horses same
Range-10 miles east
of Valentine on
the Niobrara

Joseph W. Bownet
P. O. address
Merriman, Neb.
Right ear cropped
Hole in center of left
ear
Range Lake creek
S. D.

Parker & Son
P. O. Address
L. W. Parker
Reige, Neb.
Brand same as cut.
Also ZP
Range on Niobrara
south of Crookston

R. A. McQuade.
Valentine, Neb
Branded on either
side
Range between
Hatch and Swan
Lake

Charles C. Tackett
Rosebud, S. D.
Range head of An-
telope near St. Marys
mission
Horses branded
on left thigh

Peter Vlondray
Rosebud, S. D.
Left side. Left ear
cropped.
Horses branded
VB.
Range Little White
River, at mouth of
Cedar Creek.

Louis J. Richards
Merriman, Neb
R
Cody, Nebraska.
On right hip.
Range, Medicine
Lake to the
Snake river

Gorsuch Bros.
Newton, Nebraska
Cattle branded
as on cut
Some
ft side or hip
Range on Gordon
Creek

Louis F. Richards
Merriman Neb
R
Cody, Nebraska.
On right hip.
Range, Medicine
Lake to the
Snake river

Henry Pratt
Rosebud S. D.
Left side.
Horses same on
left shoulder
Deerhorn clip on
some cattle

John DeCory
Rosebud, S. D.
Some branded ID
417 on left side
Horses JD on left
hip
Range in Meyer Co
on Antelope Creek

N. S. Rowley
Kennedy, Neb.
Same as cut on left
side and hip, and on
left shoulder of hor-
ses. Also left side
and hip.
Z on right hip and
P on left side.
C on left hip of horses.

W. W. ANDERSON.
Anderson & Rounds.
Simon, Nebraska
Cattle branded on
left side as on cut;
also 16 on left side
with — on left hip of
some cattle; also S46
on right side. Horse
brand, rake and 16
on left shoulder or
hip
Home ranch—on
Dewey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of
Fort Niobrara; also between Snake River and
Simon, known as the Felch range, all in Cherry
County, Nebraska.

Marshall & Wolfenden
Kennedy, Neb.
Some on the left
hip
Horses on left
shoulder
Brand is small
Quarter
clip behind, half cir-
cle forward on left ear
Range Lone Tree
Lake

I. T. Richardson.
Perch, Nebr
Some on left
hip
Horses on
left shoulder

William M. Dunbar
Lessee from Heine & Kroeger
Cody, Neb
DUH
Either side
Also low
on right
Left ear of cattle
Split
Range head of Hay
Creek

Amelia Young.
Cody, Nebraska
On right side.
Right ear split
Range, Little
White river

Peder Thorsen.
Gordon, Nebraska
On right side; T on
right hip. e horse
brand and T on
right shoulder
Also cattle branded
L S on left side
Range, 10 miles
south of Irwin

Henry Young.
Cody, Nebraska
Horse brand HY
on left shoulder
Cattle, right ear
split
Range, Little
White river, S. D.

Stotts & Stetter.
Cody, Nebraska
Branded on left side
Range, Tin Can Lake
and Morgan Flats

D. C. Nelson.
Cody, Nebraska.
On right hip.
Range, Medicine
Lake to the
Snake river

Hutt Brothers.
Gordon, Nebraska
Range 14 miles north
of Gordon.

F. C. Duerfelst, Manager.
Gordon, Nebraska
Cattle also branded
90 on right hip
Horses and mules
randed same as cut
on left shoulder

J. C. Jordan
Gordon, Nebraska
One bunch branded
as on cut on left side
One bunch branded
L on left hip
Horses J on left
shoulder
Range, 10 miles
southwest of Gallup,
between Niobrara
and Snake rivers

George F Damon
Albany, Neb
Cattle branded
FD on left ribs or
right shoulder; SD
on right hip and left
ribs; 6 on left hip
Horses FD or SD on
right shoulder
Range 7 mi north
east of Albany Neb
Agent for Pasteur
Bacil Leg Vaccine

Joseph Fickel
Gordon Neb
Also on
left
hip
Horse brand F on
left shoulder
Range 10 miles
northeast of Gordon

STOCK NOTES.

To tell the age of any horse
Inspect the lower jaw, of course;
The six front teeth the tale will tell
And every doubt and fear dispel.

Two middle "nippers" you behold
Before the colt is two weeks old.
Before eight weeks two more will come.
Eight months the "corners" cut the
gum.

The outside grooves will disappear
From middle two in just one year;
In two years form the second pair;
In three the "corners" cut are bare.

At two the middle "nippers" drop,
At three the second pair can't stop;
When four years old the third pair goes,
At five a full new set he shows.

The deep black spots will pass from
view
At six years from the middle two;
The second pair at seven years;
At eight the spot each "corner" clears.

From middle "nippers" upper jaw
At nine the black spots will withdraw
The second pair at ten are white;
Eleven finds the "corners" light.

As time goes on the horseman knows
The oval teeth three sided grow;
They longer get, project before,
Till twenty, when we know no more.

The sheepmen of northwest Nebras-
ka, South Dakota and Wyoming met
at Edgemont last Saturday for the pur-
pose of forming a permanent organiza-
tion.

Secretary Chas. F. Martin, of the
National Live Stock Association, has
sent out a circular urging all the live
stock organizations in all parts of the
country to join the national association
and have representation at the January
meeting at Fort Worth.

While the weather during the last
ten days or two weeks has been ex-
tremely cold, we are happy to say that
it has done but little damage to stock,
because it has been "dry cold." The
snow has caused some inconvenience,
but not more than is to be expected at
this season of the year.

The Homestead correctly describes
this portion of the state when it says:
"The changes in the range cattle indus-
try are increasing every season, and a
large proportion of those now engaged
in the work are doing what they call
a semi-range business." This means that
the cattle range all summer and are
under fence in winter." While a few
years ago the range was the only place
that cattle obtained feed all our stock-
men now feed hay during the winter.

H. Blekiron, a cattleman owning a
ranch down near Amelia, was shot and
instantly killed at Belden last Sunday
evening by C. S. Harris, editor of the
Belden News. An article appeared in
the News to which Blekiron took ex-
ceptions, and he called upon Harris in
the latter's office for the purpose of get-
ting him to retract it. The argument
waxed warm and Harris says Blekiron
started for him to do him up when he
shot him, claiming to have done so in
self defense. Self defense was the ver-
dict of the coroner's jury.

The Texas Stock Journal says that
stockmen of Wyoming are buying
Union Pacific lands for grazing pur-
poses and have, up to this time, taken
about 1,000,000 of the 8,000,000 acres
the company owns in that state. The
sales for the last year have been steadily
increasing, the demand for land ex-
ceeding anything in the previous his-
tory of that portion of the range coun-
try. Reports from Colorado show a
greatly increased volume of business
there in the land office, all of it consist-
ing of sales of public land for grazing
purposes.

At Chicago on Wednesday of last
week the center of attraction at the
stock yards was sixteen head of high
grade Angus heaves, averaging 1538
pounds, for which the sky-scraping
price of \$3.25 was obtained. This is
the highest sale in considerably more
than fifteen years, and the next day
another feeder brought in some 2-year-
old steers, averaging 1,700 pounds,
which brought \$8.50, the highest price
paid since 1882. They were of the
Aberdeen-Angus breed and were fed
from calves up on the common feed
grown on the farm and ran freely on
the grass during the summer. They
were finished on ground corn, ground
oats and bran mixed.

In many parts of the west and north-
west where sheep have been allowed
the exclusive privilege of the range, the
grass has been eaten and tramped down
until it has become necessary to aban-
don the country at least temporarily. A

rest may be all that is needed, but some
think that the grass can never be re-
claimed except by artificial means. Cat-
tlemen have given place to the sheep
herders, and as one of the Montana pa-
pers says "After sheep comes what?"
This is the problem that confronts the
ranchmen in many parts of the west,
and in some places promises to be a
serious one. Farmers are rapidly tak-
ing up the available agricultural lands,
but there are vast areas that can never
be farmed until some system of irriga-
tion is established.—Chicago Provers'
Journal.

A number of our cattlemen have of
late lost cattle from some mysterious
cause. The cattle so dying were those
turned into cornfields. They are at-
tacked with dizziness, stagger to and
fro for a short time, ending in falling to
the ground in spasms, and after a
struggle seem to die in terrible agony.
The Star-Journal reporter has inter-
viewed a number of our stockmen over
the cause of these deaths and each and
every one seems mystified and are un-
able to account for it. Some think it
is caused by the deadly "night shade;"
others claim it has been caused by
"loco," so well known in southern Kan-
sas.

Whatever the cause, fully fifty head
of cattle have so died within a radius of
a few miles of Ainsworth. And, also,
whatever the cause, it comes from the
cornfields, for as soon as the cattle were
taken off the corn stalks and put into
the feed lots the losses ceased.

It is claimed by some that the deaths
resulted from lack of water and salt,
the cattle overfeeding and becoming
bound up. This theory is especially
untrue with regard to I. Fowler's cat-
tle, for instance. Mr. Fowler lost
eleven head before he took them off the
cornstalks, and in each and every case
the cattle had freest access to both salt
and water, and did help themselves lib-
erally, and instead of the binding pro-
cess, the direct opposite was manifest.
Neither were the cattle bloated in the
least.—Ainsworth Journal.

This is probably an outbreak of
"cornstalk disease" which caused so
much havoc a couple of years ago. The
remedy is to feed cattle other rations
before turning them into the stalks. If
Bro. Burleigh will advise his readers to
send to Lincoln for "Bulletin No. 52,"
issued by the agricultural college the
latter part of 1897 or early in 1898, they
may learn something about the trouble.

Since writing the above we learn that
this cornstalk disease is also prevalent
in Rock and Holt counties.

Perhaps the most infamous piece of
legislation ever attempted in this coun-
try is embodied in H. R. 1, now before
congress. Ordinarily, a bill when in-
troduced in our national legislature, is
required to be read twice, is then re-
ferred to a committee, after being con-
sidered there is reported to the house,
is then considered in committee of the
whole and finally put upon its passage;
but in this instance the procedure is
entirely changed, regardless of rule or
custom. The bill was introduced the
first day of the present session, was
never referred to a committee, and
with only three days for printing and
consideration was forced before the
house and one week later was brought
to a vote. The bill provides first to en-
act into national law the single gold
standard, makes every bond, every
coupon, every greenback, every treas-
ury note, payable in gold, and prevents
them being put into circulation again
except in exchange for gold; it makes
all debts, public or private, that now
exist or are hereafter contracted, pay-
able in gold; it creates a division or re-
demption into which \$760,000,000 is
shut up; it authorizes the treasurer of
the United States to at any time issue
bonds without consulting any other
person or branch of the government; it
makes silver redeemable in gold; it
authorizes the coinage of small pieces
of silver but requires that an equal
amount of treasury notes must be de-
stroyed at the same time; it gives the
secretary power to name the size of
treasury notes to be issued and prohib-
its silver certificates from being issued
except in denominations of \$5 and un-
der, thus making silver legal tender
only in small amounts; it permits na-
tional banks to issue currency to the
full amount of bonds held by them, and
reduces their taxes, and finally permits
national banks to organize with only
\$25,000 capital. Almost every demand
that the capitalists of this country have
ever made is embodied in this bill; it
was considered by the republican com-
mittee almost six months before it was
introduced in congress; and yet this
"brutal majority" rush it through con-
gress like a private pension bill and
never give the people of the country
time to express their opinions on it.

The above bill passed the house of
representatives, Monday, by a vote of
190 to 150, eight gold standard dem-
ocrats voting with the majority.

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best sight in town
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Alex Marrivall
Pine Ridge, S. D.
Cattle branded as
on cut and below on
either side. Earmark
swallow fork on left
and crop right.
Horse brands as
below on left thigh
or hip
Cattle
S-M
Horses
201 212 223

Wheeler Bros.
Cody, Neb
Also —B— on right
side
Range Chamberlain
Flats and Snake
River
Cattle
TP
Horses
201 212 223

Newman Bros. & Nations.
Cody, Nebraska
On point left shoul-
der. Also 0 4 on
point left shoulder
Also 0 on left
shoulder
Same on left hip
Left side
Cattle
O
Horses
201 212 223

J. A. Adamson.
Valentine, Neb
On left side; 4 hip
A4 left side or hip
On left side
Range on Niobrara
Cattle
A
Horses
201 212 223

Marquardt & Bowls
OTTO STRUBE, Manager.
Merriman, Neb
Cattle brand OM on
left shoulder. Some
of cattle have various
older brands. OS on
left hip. Horse brand
A on left shoulder.
Range—Formerly
Geo W Monnier
ranch 5 miles east of
Merriman, from F. E.
S. M. V. R. R. south to Leander Creek. Mar-
quardt & Bowls, Scraper, Nebraska.

J. C. Trowbridge
Merriman, Neb
Range between Ir-
win and Merriman,
south of railroad
Cattle
P
Horses
201 212 223

Hugh Bovill, Manager
Merriman Neb
Also
Cattle
EH
Horses
201 212 223

Charlotte E. Bovill
Merriman Neb
Left side or hip
Range north of El
Cattle
R
Horses
201 212 223

Taken up, at my place about 4 miles east of
Fort Niobrara, May 26, one sorrel bald-faced
gelding, 5 years old, and one bay mare, 2
years old, both branded on left shoulder
E